

# HEALTHY ARIZONA WORKSITES PROGRAM (HAWP) PRESENTS:

## LUNG CANCER FACTS-RISK FACTORS, SYMPTOMS, AND TREATMENT



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# Lung Cancer Facts: Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment

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### What we will be talking about...

- How common is lung cancer?
- Causes of lung cancer?
- What are risk factors?
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Lung cancer screening
- What you can do about lung cancer?
- E-cigarettes/vaping





#### How Common Is Lung Cancer?

- Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women
- It accounts for an estimated25% of all cancer diagnoses
- It is more common in elderly patients
- Risk of lung cancer is HIGHER in smokers



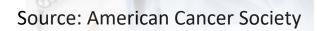




#### Lung Cancer In Women

- 1/17 women will be diagnosed with lung cancer
- 2/3 of women diagnosed have never smoked
- 181 women die of lung cancer in the US every day
- It's the #1 cause of cancer death in women
- In 2019...
  - 111,710 women will be diagnosed with lung cancer
  - 66,020 women will die from the disease



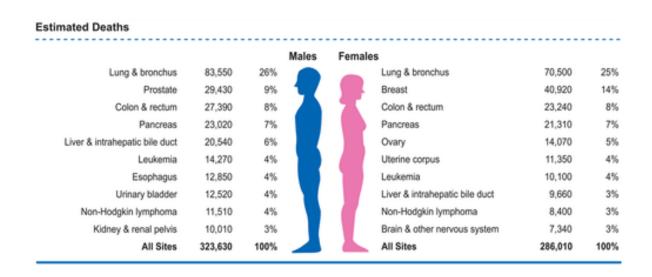






#### **Lung Cancer Statistics**

- > 170,000 cases in U.S. per year
- Leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women accounting for about 1 in 4 cancer deaths per year



Source: Cancer statistics, 2018, Volume: 68





#### Lung Cancer In Arizona

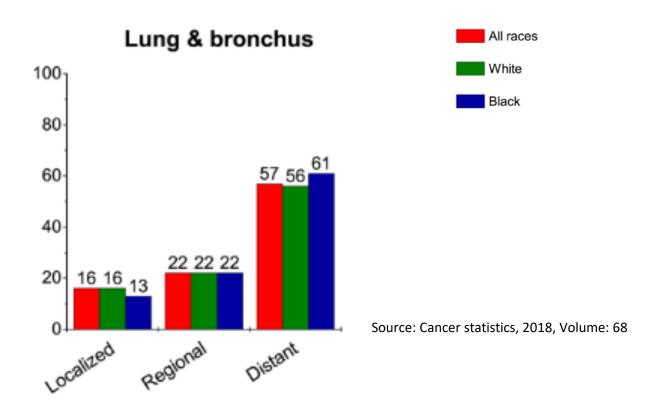
- The rate of new lung cancer cases is 52.1 (based on the ageadjusted lung cancer incidence rate per 100,000)
  - National rate is 63.0
- 5-year survival rate for patients diagnosed with lung cancer is 20% (same as national rate)
- 19.1% of cases are caught at early stage (we can do better)
  - National rate is 55.3%
- 41.1% of cases are caught at late stage





#### **Lung Cancer Facts**

Most patients are diagnosed with advanced disease

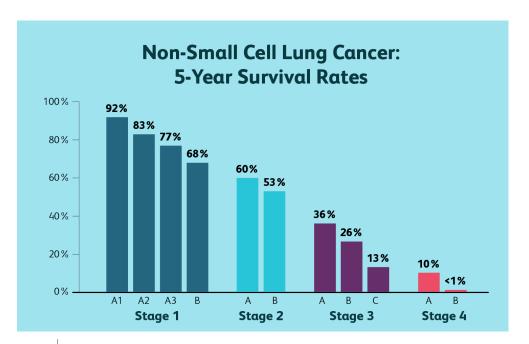






#### Lung Cancer Facts (Continued)

- Only 20% of those identified are likely to be surgically curable
- 5-year survival rate approaches 70% with complete resection
- Lung cancer is curable when diagnosed early!!!



Source: American Cancer Society 2017





#### Types of Lung Cancer

- Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) 80% of lung cancers
  - Adenocarcinoma (40%)
  - Squamous cell carcinoma (25-30%)
  - Bronchoalveolar carcinoma
  - Large cell carcinoma (undifferentiated)
  - Non-specified NSCLC
  - Carcinoid
  - Atypical carcinoid
- Small cell lung cancer (SCLC)





#### **Lung Cancer Risk Factors**

- Smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer
  - About 80% of lung cancer deaths are linked to smoking
  - Cigarette smoking is the leading risk factor for lung cancer
    - Cigars and pipes also increase risk
  - Hookah smoke has been shown to have the same cancer causing substances as cigarettes
- Exposure to second-hand smoke is another factor









### Lung Cancer Risk Factors (Continued)

- Radon
  - Naturally occurring radioactive gas that results from breakdown of uranium in soil and rocks
  - Radon can be found in any building (home or workplace)
  - Cannot be seen, tasted, or smelled
  - According to the EPA, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and is the leading cause among non-smokers
- Asbestos
- Arsenic





#### Lung Cancer Risk Factors (Continued)

- Other cancer causing agents
  - Radioactive ores such as uranium
  - Inhaled chemicals or minerals such as:
    - Coal products
    - Beryllium
    - Cadmium
    - Vinyl chloride
    - Mustard gas
    - Silica
    - Diesel exhaust
- Radiation therapy to the chest
- Family history of lung cancer
- Air pollution





#### **Lung Cancer Symptoms**

- Lung cancer usually doesn't cause signs and symptoms in its earliest stages
- Signs and symptoms typically occur when the disease becomes more advanced
  - New cough that doesn't go away
  - Coughing up blood
  - Shortness of breath
  - Chest pain or ache
  - Hoarseness
  - Unexplained weight loss
  - Bone pain
  - Headache







#### Diagnosis

- Testing healthy people for lung cancer
  - Those with increased risk may consider lung cancer screening
- If there is suspicion based on history and physical
  - Imaging tests
    - CXR
    - CT Scan
- Sputum cytology
- Biopsy

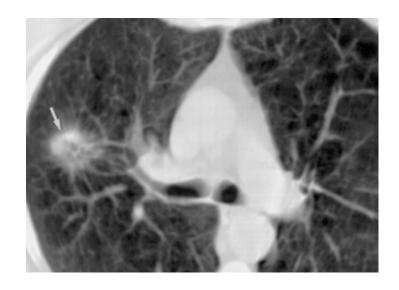


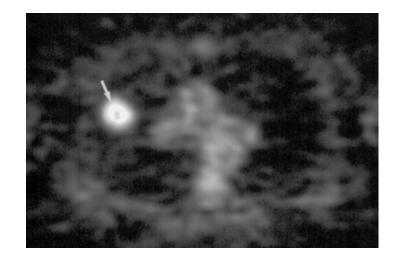




#### Tests For Lung Cancer

- Bronchoscopy—flexible camera to view the airway and take tissue samples
- Computed tomography (CT) scan of the lungs to identify abnormal tissue masses
- Positron emission tomography (PET) scan of the lungs to look for cancer cells
- Bone scan to determine whether the cancer has spread to the bones
- Needle or excisional biopsy









#### **Lung Cancer Treatment**

- Depends on cancer stage and patient's health
- Staging work-up includes:
  - PET/CT
  - Brain MRI
  - May lead to further evaluation with endobronchial ultrasound or mediastinoscopy



#### Lung Cancer Treatment By Stage

- Stage I
  - Surgery (lobectomy) or radiation therapy
- Stage II
  - Surgery (lobectomy)
  - Chemotherapy and radiation
- Stage III
  - Chemotherapy and radiation
  - Sometimes surgery can be performed after chemoXRT
- Stage IV
  - Chemotherapy and radiation





#### Chemotherapy and Radiation

- Radiation
  - Stereotactic Radiosurgery (STRS)
  - External Beam
- Chemotherapy
  - Cisplatin or carboplatin in combination with:
    - Docetaxel, gemcitabine, paclitaxel, or pemetrexed

- Targeted Treatments
  - Erlotinib
  - Bevacizumab
  - Immunotherapy
    - Monoclonal antibodies
    - Therapeutic vaccines
    - Checkpoint inhibitors
    - Adoptive T-cell transfer





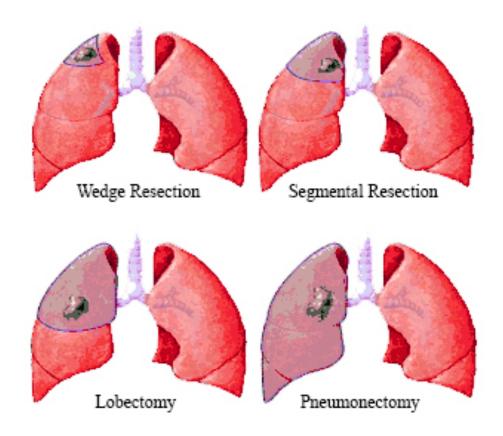
#### **Operative Management**

- Pneumonectomy
  - Historical gold standard for all stages of lung cancer
  - Associated with higher morbidity and mortality
  - Reserved for disease that cannot be completely removed by lobectomy in patients with acceptable risk
- Lobectomy
  - Minimum resection for even the earliest stage lesions in patients with adequate pulmonary reserve
  - Associated with lower local regional recurrence than limited resection
  - Sleeve lobectomy
- Segmentectomy/Wedge resection
  - Lesser resection of choice in patients with severely compromised pulmonary function
  - Associated with an increase in local-regional recurrence





### **Operative Management**

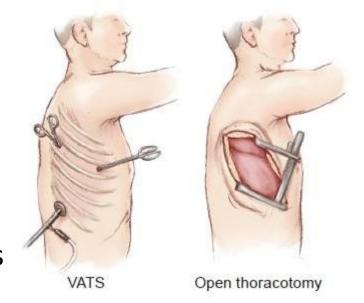






#### VATS Advantages versus Thoracotomy

- Minimally invasive
- Less painful
- Faster recovery
  - Shorter chest tube duration
  - Shorter hospitalization
  - Faster return to pre-op activities
  - Lower cost of care
- Ability to offer resection to the frail or higher risk pt
- No differences in long term survival outcomes







## **Treatment and Outcomes**

<u>Stage</u>	<u>5yr Survival</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
I	1a - 70-85%	Surgery only
	1b - 60-70%	STRS if not surgical candidate
II	II - 40-50%	Surgery(+ chemo)
III	IIIa - 10-20%	Pre-op chemo/XRT
	If Chemo/XRT response = 30+%	
	IIIb – 10%	Chemo/XRT
IV	0-3%	Chemo/XRT

# How employers can support their employees during cancer treatment?

- Help employees understand what benefits are available to them
  - Medical and prescription coverages (deductibles, co-pays, precertification requirements, etc.)
  - Leave policies
  - Offer flexible schedule and remote work options, if available
  - Employee assistance programs (financial, social, mental, etc.)
  - Community resources and support groups
- Offer professional guidance
- Make workplace accommodations





#### **Preventing Lung Cancer**

- Do not smoke!!!
  - Best way not to smoke is to <u>never</u> start
    - Counseling
      - https://ashline.org
      - https://www.lung.org
      - Healthcare professionals
    - Skills Training
    - Medication
      - Nicotine replacement
      - Centrally acting agents
        - varenicline
        - buproprion







#### Preventing Lung Cancer (Continued)

- Reduce or eliminate radon exposure
- Avoid exposure to known cancer causing chemicals
- Follow a healthy diet

Lung cancer screening for high risk patients





#### Lung Cancer screening

- What is screening?
  - A test done to detect cancer before symptoms develop
  - Symptoms of lung cancer typically do not appear until the disease is advanced

- Why hasn't lung cancer screening been routine?
  - Until recently, there hasn't been an effective test
  - Lung cancer screening with CXR showed no benefit (no change in lung cancer deaths)



#### **National Lung Screening Trial**

- Clinical trial 2002-2007
- Over 50,000 patients at risk for lung cancer
  - 55-74 years old
  - Current or former smokers
- Randomized to annual low-dose CT scan or to CXR

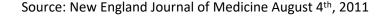
Source: New England Journal of Medicine August 4th, 2011





#### National Lung Screening Trial (Continued)

- People who got low-dose CT scans had a 20% decreased risk of dying from lung cancer
  - 320 people need to be screened to prevent 1 lung cancer death
    - 1339 for breast cancer
  - More cancers detected at an early stage
- First time that lung cancer screening has been shown to decrease lung cancer deaths!
- Results announced in 2010







#### Who Should Get Screened?

- Patients should be asked about their smoking history. Those who have ALL of the criteria below are recommended to get screened
  - 55-74 years old
  - Are current smokers or have quit smoking within the last 15 years
  - Have at least a 30 pack year smoking history
  - No symptoms of lung cancer
  - Have received counseling to quit smoking (if still smoking)
  - Have been informed about the possible benefits, limits, and harms of LDCT screening
  - Have a facility where they can go to that has a lung cancer screening program





#### **Lung Cancer Screening**

- Doctors should talk to higher risk patients about their individual risk for cancer and how they may fit into the lung cancer screening guideline
- Screening should only be done at facilities that have:
  - The right type of CT scan
  - Experience in using low dose CT scans for lung cancer screening
  - A team of specialists that can provide the appropriate care, treatment, and follow-up of patients with abnormal scans



#### What is the Benefit of Lung Cancer Screening?

Detection of lung cancer early when it is curable

- 7 million Americans are estimated to be eligible for lung cancer screening
  - Could potentially save 22,000 lives





#### What are the Risks of Lung Cancer Screening?

- False positives
  - Finding a nodule (spot) that is not cancer
  - Most nodules (95%) seen on CT are not cancer
  - May require additional testing
- False negatives
  - A negative screening CT does not mean you don't have lung cancer or can't get lung cancer
- Radiation exposure
  - Low-dose CT ~ 20-25% of standard CT
  - Similar to 12 CXRs
  - Similar to 6 months of natural background radiation
- Cost
  - Most insurance companies cover lung cancer screening
  - There may be cost for additional CT scans and testing for positive results





## What To Expect

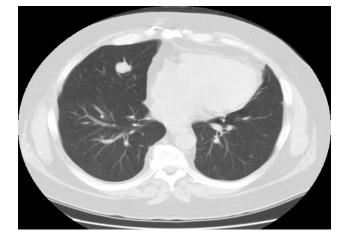
- Low-dose CT
  - No IV or dye used
  - Scan completed in under a minute





#### What Do The Results Mean?

- Negative screen
  - No nodules (spots) seen and no other abnormalities
  - Annual low-dose CT scan
- Positive screen indeterminate for lung cancer
  - A nodule (spot) was seen
  - About 50% of patients will have at least one nodule
  - Most of these spots are NOT cancer
- Positive screen suspicious for lung cancer
  - Further testing or biopsy may be recommended







#### What Do The Results Mean? (Continued)

- What if I have a nodule (spot)?
- We may recommend:
  - Follow up scan in 3-6 months
  - Further testing such as a PET scan
  - Referral to a specialist for possible biopsy





#### What Patients Need To Know

- Annual screening with low-dose CT is covered by Medicare and many private insurance plans if patients meet the guidelines
  - Age 55-77
  - ≥30 pack years smoking history
  - Current smoker or quit within 15 years
  - Shared decision making visit



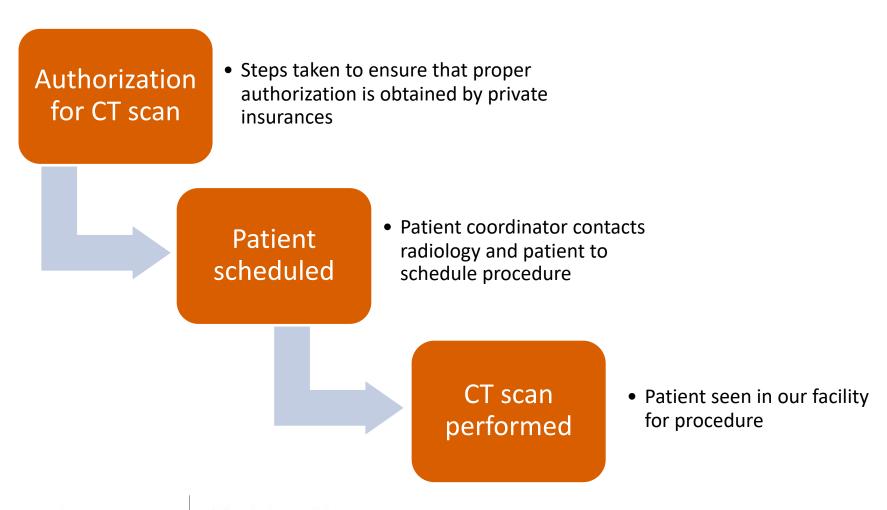
#### A Little About Our Program

- Lung Cancer Screening program launched in 2011
- Multi-disciplinary team: pulmonary, radiology, thoracic surgery, oncology, infectious disease, family practice
- To date, have screened over 1400 patients
- Accredited ACR site nationally recognized
- High rate of pulmonary nodules due to Valley Fever, but still a very low intervention rate of 2%
- For more information about the Lung Cancer Screening
   Program at the Norton Thoracic Institute, call 855.577.3572





#### Eligible Patient Steps:







#### Pulmonary Nodule Clinic

- Goal is to identify nodules in early stages of lung cancer
- Most stage 1 and 2 patients are asymptomatic
- 85% of lung cancer patients are identified in stages 3 and 4
- Patients may be referred from PCP, pulmonologists, lung cancer screening program, or self referral

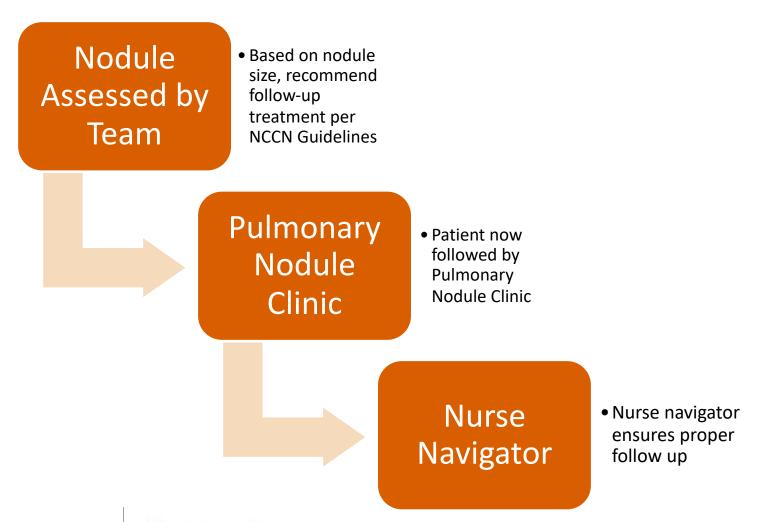








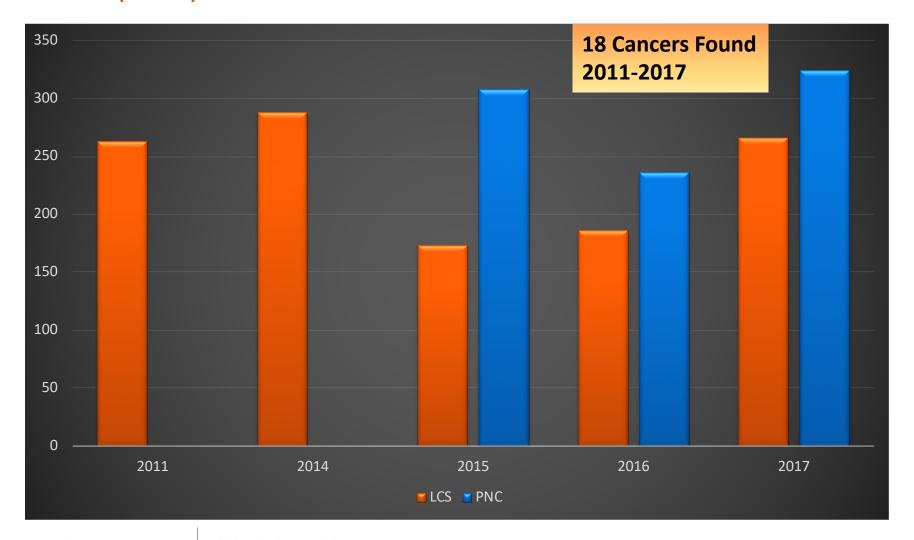
#### Positive Nodule Findings







# Lung Cancer Screening (LCS) and Pulmonary Nodule Clinic (PNC)







## What About E-cigarettes?





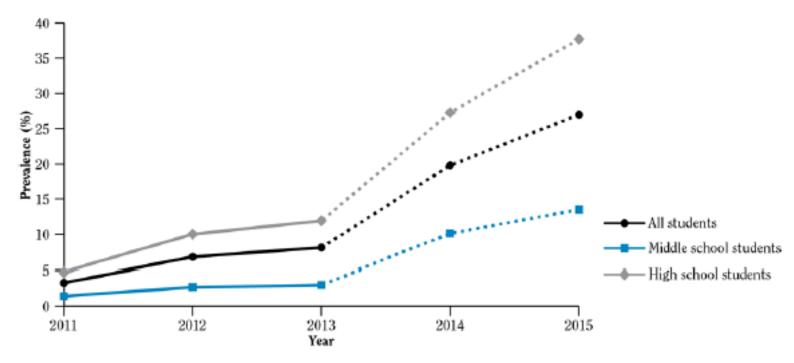


- E-cigarettes are devices that heat a liquid into an aerosol that the user inhales
- E-cigarettes are considered tobacco products
- They can contain harmful and potentially harmful ingredients:
  - Nicotine
  - Ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs
  - Flavorants such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease
  - Volatile organic compounds
  - Heavy metals, such as nickel, tin, and lead





Figure 1 Trends in ever e-cigarette use<sup>a</sup> among U.S. middle and high school students; National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) 2011–2015



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2013, 2014; unpublished data (data: NYTS 2015).

Note: In 2014, modifications were made to the e-cigarette measure to enhance its accuracy, which may limit the comparability of this estimate to those collected in previous years. The dotted lines from 2013 to 2015 represent these differences.

\*Includes those who responded "yes" to the following question: "Have you ever used an electronic cigarette or e-cigarette, even once or twice?"





- No matter how it's delivered, nicotine is addictive and harmful
- Users risk exposing their respiratory systems to harmful chemicals
- Brain risks
  - Nicotine addiction, mood disorders, lowering of impulse control
  - Addiction is a form of learning and adolescents are likely to become more easily addicted
- Behavior risks
  - E-cigarette use has been linked to alcohol use and marijuana





- Outbreak of lung injury associated with use of vaping products
- As of October 22, 2019, 1,604 cases of e-cigarette product use associated lung injury (EVALI) have been reported to CDC
- 34 deaths confirmed in 24 states
- All EVALI patients reports history of e-cigarette or vaping products
  - THC is present in most samples
- CDC and FDA have not identified the causes of the lung injuries in these cases
  - No compound or ingredient has been identified as a source
  - Some pathology reports show that vaping causes fat to accumulate in the lungs and that triggers an inflammatory response





- How do we diagnose EVALI (e-cigarette, or vaping, product useassociated lung injury)?
  - If patients present with respiratory or GI symptoms ask about use of ecigarettes
  - Considered a diagnosis of exclusion
    - No test or marker
    - Evaluate vitals, check respiratory viral panel, CBC, toxicology including THC
    - CXR or CT chest
    - Treatment includes steroids, influenza antivirals, antibiotics for PNA





- E-cigarette use poses a significant and avoidable health risk
- What can we do?
  - Start the conversation with kids and adults about the health risks
  - Reduce exposure
    - Restrict e-cigarette use
    - Visit tobacco free locations
    - Be an example
  - Talk to your health care providers
  - Helpful link: www.e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov





### Thank You!

For more information about lung cancer or to request a speaker for your worksite on any cancer-related topic

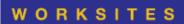






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